



# Oak Orchard Harbor, NY

#### **Harbor Features**

- ➤ Located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of Oak Orchard Creek, in the Hamlet of Point Breeze, Town of Carlton, Orleans County, New York.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 1945.
- > Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Authorized depths are 10 feet in the entrance channel and 8 feet in the harbor basin.
- The harbor is formed by the east and west jetties and a detached breakwater with a total length of 2,120 feet.
- Description Of the features include 2 state and county marine parks offering seasonal and transient docking, launching and fish cleaning, 6 private marinas, 2 with fish cleaning stations, 2 restaurants, 3 rental cottage facilities, 1 motel, pumpout facilities, fuel and travel-lifts.
- ➤ Major stakeholders include Orleans County Sheriff Marine Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, charter fishing interests and the recreational boating community.

### **Project Needs**

- > Semi-annual maintenance needs include project condition surveys and sediment sampling and analysis.
- Maintenance dredging is required every 3-5 years. The project was last dredged in 2004 when 10,700 cubic yards (CY) of sediment was removed.
- The current sediment backlog within the functional harbor areas is estimated at approximately 17,000 CY.



## **Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project**

- ➤ Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- ➤ Potential functional loss of Harbor of Refuge.
- ➤ Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

### **Transportation Importance**

- ➤ Provides safe recreational access between Lake Ontario and Oak Orchard Creek.
- ➤ Orleans County Sheriff Marine Patrol and Coast Guard Auxiliary unit located at Orleans County Marine Park.
- ➤ Hosts annual harbor festivals and fishing derbies.
- Supports 33 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$269,478 in Net Income annually

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010 Oak Orchard Harbor, New York Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)

Work Package	FY08 Need	FY08 Allocation	FY09 Need	FY09 President's Budget	FY10 Need	FY10 President's Budget*
Project Conditions Survey	15					
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package			623			
Sediment Sampling and Analysis	40					
TOTALS	55	0	623	0	0	

<sup>\*</sup>FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009

## **Congressional Interests**

- Representative Louise Slaughter D-NY-28
- Senator Hillary Clinton D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY